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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC: PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION -

EMERGING CONFRONTATION, REVOLT OF AFRICANS AND PREPCOM
SCHEDULE

1. SUMMARY: SPECIAL GROUP CALLED "FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT" CONVENED TO DISCUSS ON OFF RECORD BASIS STATE OF PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SS. HEADS OF FOLLOWING DELS PRESENT: NETHERLANDS, UK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY (AS PRESIDENT EC-9), INDIA, IVORY COAST, MEXICO, JAMAICA, PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, BRAZIL AND NORWAY. EC-9 REPS NOW EXPRESSING VIEW THAT CONFRONTATION INEVITABLE. USG STILL MAINTAINING OPEN NEGOTIATING ENVIRONMENT WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. END SUMMARY.

2. AKHUND (PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC) INDICATED PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ASCERTAIN AND EXCHANGE APPRAISALS OF STATE OF PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SS. EXCHANGES WERE CANDID, SOMEWHAT RAMBLING AND RANDOM, BUT FOLLOWING THREE TOPICS CLEARLY EMERGED AS MATTERS OF CENTRAL
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3. TIMING. YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN, JAMAICA AND BRAZIL ALL RAISED ISSUE THAT SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURE OF 7TH SS MUST BE WRAPPED UP BEFORE MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED IN LIMA. AKHUND DESCRIBED ISSUE AS NECESSITY "TO DIFFUSE LIMA" BY PRESENTING NAG WITH AGREED CONSENSUS. THIS VIEW STRONGLY ECHOED BY YUGOSLAVIA IN ALMOST PANIC TERMS. THEY URGED WFC AS ONLY MODEL WHERE ALL RESOLUTIONS ON TABLE PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE.

4. MEXICANS AND ALGERIANS BOTH PROPOSED TIMETABLE CONSISTING OF MORE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK ON SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS BEGINNING AUGUST 11 AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THAT WEEK AS PRELUDE TO THIRD MEETING OF PREP COM. ALGERIA, IN PARTICULAR, MADE STATEMENT THAT G-77 WOULD "TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF NON-GROUP MEMBERS" AND G-77 WOULD THEN DRAFT "DECISION" ON POSITION PAPER FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

5. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON DREW ATTENTION TO SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN MILWAUKEE INDICATING INTENTION OF USG TO MAKE PROPOSALS AT SESSION ITSELF. HE STATED THAT IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT FULL UNFOLDING OF SUBSTANTIVE INITIATIVES IN SHORT PERIOD IN AUGUST PRIOR TO SESSION ITSELF. HE DREW ATTENTION TO OTHER STATEMENTS OF SECSTATE INDICATING FORTHCOMING STANCE USG HAD ADOPTED AND REMINDED GROUP OF AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S PRIOR CAUTION IN NY PREP COM THAT ATTEMPTING TO FORCE USG INTO PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENTS COULD WELL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. FERGUSON ALSO STATED HE WAS GREATLY PERTURBED BY ALGERIAN FORMULATION OF FURTHER PREPARATIONS WHICH DID NOT SOUND LIKE DIALOGUE AND PUT NON-GROUP MEMBERS IN POSITION OF BEING PETITIONERS. FERGUSON ALLUDED TO AKHUND'S OPENING STATEMENT TO ECOSOC IN WHICH HE SAID IN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY VIEWS OF MINORITY MUST BE RESPECTED. FERGUSON ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD APPEAR THE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN THE ALGERIAN VIEW WAS MORE LIKE A ONE-PARTY STATE.

6. FRENCH IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP THEME ASSERTING THAT ITS DELEGATION WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH NATURE OF PARTICIPATION IN PREP COM IN NY. ROUGE (FRANCE) ADDED THAT AFTER A 1-1/2 HOUR HEARING IN WHICH STRONG VIEWS OF HIS DELEGATION PUT FORWARD, HE WAS PREEMPTORILY DISMISSED FROM ROOM. DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED BY G-77 THEREAFTER INDICATED NO CONSIDERATION WHATSOEVER HAD BEEN GIVEN

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TO FRENCH VIEWS. HE USED ANALOGY OF A HEARING BEFORE AMERICAN CONGRESS IN WHICH WITNESS DISMISSED AND SENATORS GO OFF IN BACK ROOM TO DRAFT BILL. UK OBSERVED THAT NOBODY WILL BE IN WHITEHALL OR BRUSSELS IN AUGUST AND HENCE NO POSSIBILITY OF REACHING FINAL POSITION IN AUGUST.

7. UK VERY HEATEDLY DREW GROUP'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT THEY HAD TABLED COMMODITY INITIATIVE ON MAY 1 AND TO DATE HAVE RECEIVED NO

REACTION WHATSOEVER. HE OBSERVED UK HAD PUT LOT OF WORK INTO BEING RESPONSIVE TO G-77 AND HMG WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED IN THE LACK OF COMMENTARY FROM OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE G-77.

8. SPECIAL SESSION DOCUMENTS. IN A SEPARATE COMMENT AMB FERGUSON ASSERTED THAT THERE 3 PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SPECIAL SESSION; VIZ, AND AGENDA, A POSITION PAPER FOR THE SESSION, AND AN "OUTCOME" DOCUMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT G-77 DOCUMENTATION VERY CONFUSING SINCE ALL THREE MATTERS WERE MIXED UP AND BLURRED IN G-77 PAPERS. FERGUSON SUGGESTED FIRST THING TO BE DONE IS PRODUCTION OF A "CLEAN AGENDA." IN THIS CONNECTION, HE DREW ATTENTION TO FIRST US PAPER COMMENTING ON CRP-1: AGANDA SHOULD BE SIMPLY LISTING OF TOPICS WITHOUT THE ARGUMENTATION, WHICH COULD GO INTO A G-77 POSITION PAPER IF THEY WISHED. SECOND, DOCUMENT WOULD BE A POSITION PAPER REPRESENTING A TRUE CONSENSUS OF ALL PARTIES AND NOT SIMPLY A G-77 PAPER WHICH REFLECTED ONLY VIEWS G-77 WISHED TO HAVE REFLECTED. IN THIS CONNECTION FERGUSON OBSERVED THAT LAST REVISED PAPER OF G-77 WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTING TO USG IN THAT IT WAS REplete WITH KNOWN CONFRONTATIONAL ELEMENTS AND DID NOT REFLECT ANY COMMENTS MADE BY USG OR OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. AND THIRDLY, A PAPER ON OUTCOME OF SPECIAL SESSION -- AGAIN WHICH SHOULD REFLECT TRUE CONSENSUS AND NOT MERELY DICTATE OF BLOC POSITIONS.

9. FRENCH, UK, AND, SURPRISINGLY, BRAZIL AND YUGOSLAVIA STRONGLY SUPPORTED FERGUSON'S POSITION. FERGUSON AGAIN DREW ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY OF "JOINT DRAFTING".

10. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA. AGREED SCHEDULE FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO BE BASED ON WRITTEN COMMENTS IS AS FOLLOWS: JUNE 23 -- G-77 AND SOCIALISTS; JULY 24 -- CHINA AND NORDICS; JULY 25 -- EC-9; JULY 28 -- AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN; AND JULY 29 -- CANADA AND USA.
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11. COMMENTS: ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS EXTREMELY INFORMAL BUT EXCHANGES WERE THE MOST CANDID THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO DATE. REMARKABLE IS THE FACT THAT ALL OF WEO MEMBERS PLUS BRAZIL AND HUGOSLAVIA AGREE ON ASSESSMENT OF ALGERIAN INTENTIONS AND TACTICS. THAT TACTIC HAS BEEN TO KEEP RELATIVELY QUIET IN PREP PHASE, WHILE MODERATES TOOK THE LEAD IN PREPARING SESSION ON BASIS OF NO CONFRONTATION OR IN WORDS OF MODERATES "NON-ATTRIBUTION" STANCE. IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS UNIFORM ASSESSMENT THAT ALGERIANS WILL TAKE THE POSITION INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL NOT HAVE MADE A SUFFICIENT RESPONSE BY THE END OF THE 3RD PREP COM IN NEW YORK, AND HENCE, EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MOVEMENT AND REFORM BY DIALOGUE IS A FAILURE. ACCORDING TO THIS ASSESSMENT, ALGERIANS WILL THEN PREPARE A CONFRONTATION DOCUMENT FOR LIMA ALONG THE LINES OF THEIR LAST VERSION OF CRP-1 ON WHICH THEY KNOW THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CANNOT RESPOND. INDICATIONS OF THEIR ARGUMENTATION ALREADY APPEARING IN ALGERIAN INFORMAL STATEMENTS, I.E. VIGOROUS PRESENTATION OF ULTIMATE G-77 POSITIONS ONLY WAY TO GET HALF WAY SATISFACTORY MOVEMENT OUT OF WEST. ALGERIANS JOINED IN THIS TACTIC BY INDIANS AND MEXICANS--MEXICANS IN FACT BEING CLOSET HARDLINERS--
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ALTHOUGH ASSERTING THEY ARE "MODERATE".

12. ALGERIANS HAVE ALSO FOLLOWED UP RE AFRICAN REVOLT ON WHICH WE HAVE MADE PREVIOUS REPORTS. THE "AFRICAN REVOLT" AGAINST THE 77 HAS BEEN BRUTALLY PUT DOWN BY THE ALGERIANS. THE AFRICANS WERE INSISTING ON EXPLICIT PROVISIONS IN THE REVISED G-77 CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER REGARDING THE PROBLEMS OF THE POORER COUNTRIES. SEE GENEVA 5752. EVIDENCE OF THE ALGERIAN MUSCLE APPEARS IN THE LAST VERSION OF THE G-77 POSITION PAPER IN WHICH NOT ONLY DID THE AF-

RICANS NOT GAIN ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF THE POORER COUNTRIES BUT IN FACT ALGERIANS KNOCKED OUT MANY REFERENCES TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED WHICH HAD APPEARED IN EARLIER DRAFTS. FORTUITOUSLY, THERE ARE AT LEAST ONE-HALF DOZEN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN GENEVA IN TRANSIT TO KAMPALA ON SUNDAY. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THERE HAVE BEEN INTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS AMONG THESE MINISTERS AND OTHERS INCLUDING M. KHALID, FOREIGN MINISTER OF SUDAN AND FALL, PERM REP NEW YORK (SENEGAL) ON FINDING SOME WAY, IN WORDS REPORTED TO US, OF "HOLDING ISRAEL IN HOSTAGE AGAINST GETTING ADEQUATE ATTENTION PAID TO PROBLEMS OF MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED". PARADOXICALLY, ETHIOPIANS EMERGING AS LEADER OF AF REBEL-LION.

13. THE MOST TROUBLESOME ASPECT OF PREPARATIONS CONTINUES TO BE THE FACT THAT US IS SUBJECT TO CONSTANT INTENSIVE PRESSURE ON THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF US INITIATIVES. THIS PRESSURE COMES NOT ONLY FROM MODERATES AMONG G-77, I.E. PAKISTAN, JAMAICA, YUGOSLAVIA AND AS WE NOTED EARLIER, SURPRISINGLY, BRAZIL, BUT ALSO FROM DCS, I.E. FRG, FRANCE, UK, AUSTRALIA, DENMARK. ALL HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON OUR POSITION BUT PERSUASIVE IMPACT, FOR REASONS SET FORTH EARLIER, TO MEMENT ARE NIL.

14. WE ARE ATTEMPTING, AND SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY, TO AVOID CREATING CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE. AFTER FIRST MEETING OF FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, THERE IS A GENERAL DEPRESSION AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED WESTERNERS. AS PUT BY NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR "IT APPEARS THAT CONFRONTATION IS INEVITABLE. THEY ONLY ISSUE BEING WHO WILL BE BLAMED FOR IT". THIS VIEW SHARED IN VARYING DEGREES BY REPS OF UK, FRG, FRANCE AND DENMARK.

15. IN PRIVATE TALKS WITH WESTERN GROUP, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON HAS BEEN TAKING POSITION THAT WHETHER OR NOT G-77 INTENDS IT OR NOT, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR FIXING OF PRE-LIMA DEADLINE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE ISSUE OF AN ULTIMATUM WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH G-77 PROFESSED DESIRE FOR TRUE DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS. NONETHELESS, THERE IS A CONSTANT REITERATION OF THESIS THAT FRANCE AND US MADE INITIATIVES AT 6TH SPECIAL SESSION AND BECAUSE "THEY CAME TOO LATE" AND HAD NOT BEEN "COORDINATED" IN ADVANCE, THEY FAILED.

14. US DEL HAS NO BASIS HERE TO MAKE A JUDGMENT WHETHER DEMARCHES TO CAPITALS IN EC-9 AND THE "MODERATES" WOULD DO ANY GOOD IN OUR EFFORT TO AVOID CREATION OF A CONFRONTATIONAL EPISODE SUCH AS HAS JUST OCCURRED HERE IN THE IGG ON THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE AND HELP. THE NEXT CRUNCH IS TUESDAY WHEN WE MUST COMMENT ON LAST G-77 PAPER.DALE

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